Larry Robinson, Ph.D.President and Director

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Larry Robinson currently serves Florida A&M University's (FAMU) 12th president and a distinguished service professor in the School of the Environment. Robinson is actively engaged in research with students and faculty as the director and principal investigator of the Center for Coastal and Marine Ecosystems, established in September 2016 with a \$15.4 million award from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Educational Partnership Program.

In 2007-2009, Robinson served as senior scientific advisor at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service. In May 2010, Robinson took a leave of absence from FAMU to serve in a U.S. Senate-confirmed position as assistant secretary of commerce for conservation and management at NOAA where he supported and managed NOAA's coastal and marine programs, including marine sanctuaries, and fisheries management. He also supported NOAA's participation in the BP oil spill crisis, and served on the Ocean Policy Task Force and Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force.

From 1984 to 1997, Robinson served as a research scientist and group leader of a neutron activation analysis facility at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). His research responsibilities included trace element analysis in environmental science, epidemiology, forensics, material science and paleontology. His expertise also includes environmental radiochemistry, nuclear safeguards, and non-proliferation.

Robinson has also served as a member of the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel; founding member of the Council of Environmental Deans and Directors; founding member of the National Ecological Observatory Network Science Technology Education Advisory Committee; member of ORNL's Environmental Sciences Division's External Advisory Board; member of the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board; and a member of the Florida Chapter of the Nature Conservancy Board of Trustees.

Additionally, he has served on the National Research Council (NRC) Committee on Mine Placement of Coal Combustion Wastes, NRC Committee on Restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem, and the NRC Committee to Review the Corps of Engineers Florida Aquifer Storage and Recovery Technical Data Report.

Robinson attended Lemoyne-Owen College, earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry (summa cum laude) from Memphis State University, and a doctorate in nuclear chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.